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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Cortland A. Shelly, DOB 3/21/83, of Beloit, Wisconsin, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Madison to 17½ years in federal prison without parole. Shelly previously pleaded guilty to possessing more than 50 grams of crack cocaine on February 17, 2005, with the intent to distribute.

As law enforcement officers attempted to arrest Shelly on February 17 in Beloit while he was in the process of delivering cocaine and crack cocaine to a person cooperating with law enforcement, Shelly accelerated his vehicle at a high rate of speed in an attempt to flee the area. He struck a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent and injured that agent's left leg; a second DEA agent attempted to take cover behind a parked vehicle and Shelly hit that parked vehicle and ran over the second DEA agent's foot. That agent then fired three shots at Shelly's vehicle, wounding Shelly in his right arm and lower left leg. Shelly attempted to leap from his vehicle, but was finally arrested and found to be in the possession of multiple ounces of powder cocaine and crack cocaine. Shelly's sentence was increased by 7½ years because he assaulted the DEA agents in attempting to flee from arrest.

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that today's sentencing was the result of an

investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Beloit Police Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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